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**RESPONSE ACCOMPANYING RCE**

This paper is filed with the filing of a Request for Continued Examination, which is based on the Advisory Action of September 9, 2003. A Notice of Appeal was filed on August 29, 2003. There is a two-month extension fee believed to be due with the Request for Continued Examination. If any fees are required, please charge them to Deposit Account 15-0450. This response is made under the proposed revisions to 37 CFR 1.121, issued on January 31, 2003.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.